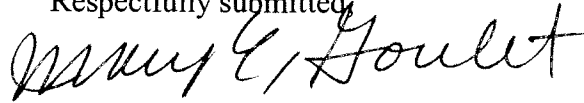


REMARKS

Claims 9-15 and ~~18~~-28 are pending in this application. Claim 22 is withdrawn as non-elected. Claims 9, 15 are amended.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 9-15, 18-21, and 23-28 (LDH materials).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Goulet", written in a cursive style.

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